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Applicant: Kiyoshi Sato et al.
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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC
RECORDING HEAD INCLUDING
NONMAGNETIC LAYER
OVERLAYING MAIN POLE LAYER
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Examiner: : Brian E. Miller
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references mentioned in the Japanese Office Action 2000 – 394723, mailed on May 12, 2004. Each of the references is listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

Document No.	Date	Country
63 – 195815	8/12/1988	JAPAN
07 – 262519	10/13/1995	JAPAN
08-106613	04/23/1996	JAPAN
2000 – 099916	04/07/2000	JAPAN

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), including the above cited Japanese Office Action, is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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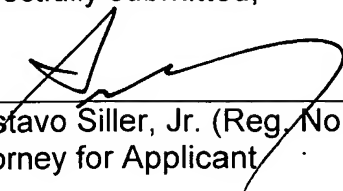
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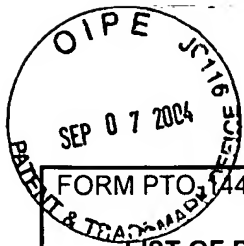
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